

Biscayne NP GMP Scoping Comments

1. G/LB Acquire buffer zones around the park, including USDA property, Homestead Air Force Base, Old Cutler Power Plant, Ragged Keys to enhance and protect the park. 0123
2. G/LB Acquire Linderman Keys 0013
3. G/LB Add Barnes Sound, Card Sound and Manatee Bay to Biscayne Bay National Park.
4. G/LB Analyze South Dade Wetlands as an addition to the park.
5. G/LB Boundary issue? Include Miami Circle in Biscayne National Park.
6. G/LB Buffer Lands – strike deal to limit development, maybe to CARL? Regarding similar protection 3
7. G/LB Card sound and Barnes sound (Headwaters to Biscayne Bay) one day to be added to Biscayne resources. 3
8. G/LB Don't expand boundaries. 3
9. G/LB Expand boundaries of the Biscayne National Park to include Barnes and Card Sounds, and Model Lands.
10. G/LB Include the Marine Sanctuary strip east of Biscayne National Park in the park. Currently no enforcement in this zone
11. G/LB Incorporate model lands 3
12. G/LB Need parks department to move/change boundary lines back to pre-1979. Move southern boundary to include Barnes Sound. 3
13. G/LB Park boundaries should be expanded south to include Card Sound and Barnes Sound to enable management of ecosystem by one governmental agency 0042 0050 0112 0137 Expand park boundaries to include “model lands” area in the southeast 0086 Acquire a western upland buffer for park is desirable for low impact activities 0040 Investigate recommendation from Virginia Key Charrette of 2000 to integrate Virginia Key into Biscayne National Park 0099 Keep lands bordering the Biscayne National Park as buffer lands. Acquire Ragged Keys Linderman Keys and open to public 0013
14. G/LB Park should cooperate with surrounding landowners to promote undeveloped, functional wetlands surrounding the park. 0004
15. G/LB Preserve coastal wetlands and reconnect Biscayne Bay.

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- 16.G/LB Protect the park fringe through acquisition including USDA property Homestead AFB, Old Cutler Point Plant 0013
- 17.G/LB Support effort to have the park manage Miami Circle site.
- 18.G/LB The park should be expanded or connected with other parks in south Florida 0056
- 19.G/LE Are there enough law enforcement rangers to protect park and visitors?
- 20.G/LE Better enforcement for existing conditions. 3
- 21.G/LE Don't make so many rules that I can't understand them all. 3
- 22.G/LE Don't mind seeing LE rangers patrolling waters regularly. 3
- 23.G/LE Enforcement activities are perceived to be heavy handed
- 24.G/LE Include a comprehensive law enforcement program
- 25.G/LE Increase law enforcement. 3
- 26.G/LE Increase National Park presence, more personnel – LE rangers that know and understand existing regulations. 3
- 27.G/LE Increase number of Rangers. 3
- 28.G/LE Lack of knowledge and or not following the rules of the road needs to be more greatly enforced, especially in congested areas. 3
- 29.G/LE Laws enacted in Florida Keys are different in the Park - it's confusing. 3
- 30.G/LE Make rules uniform. 3
- 31.G/LE More rangers are need in the field to educate and enforce.
- 32.G/LE Move to uniform regulations with a clear interpretation of those rules. Example ICW should be controlled by Coast Guard. Want uniformity 3
- 33.G/LE Need better enforcement of existing (check every other boat) laws. 3
- 34.G/LE No more regulations/restrictions until the park can preserve/enforce what we have. 3
- 35.G/LE Northern part of Biscayne National Park needs more rangers patrolling, protecting the area.
- 36.G/LE Regulations regarding fishing, camping, trash disposal are not consistent among land management agencies
- 37.G/LE The Park doesn't have enough labor enforcement personnel to enforce current regulations. 3

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- 38.G/LE The park is over-regulated. Park lands and waterways are not available for use without harassment by park staff. 0021 0143 0148
- 39.G/LE There needs to be more “park presence” on the islands
- 40.G/LE There needs to be more visitor contact on the water, and more controlled mooring
- 41.G/LE This is a great park! However, we must be careful for the future: We need more enforcement of the size, bag limits and season of fish being kept. We need more enforcement at the north end (Stiltsville area) of the park.3
- 42.G/LE We need more enforcement of the size, bag limits and season of fish being kept.
- 43.G/LF About 50,000 persons live from fishing, shrimping, etc. Do not stop these activities that are our livelihood. 80% of their income comes from Biscayne Bay. (Filiberto Matilla) 3
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- 45.G/LF Ban commercial fishing in the park.
- 46.G/LF Commercial fishing is killing the coral reefs 0054
- 47.G/LF Commercial fishing should not be allowed in Biscayne National Park because we need to protect the coral reefs and fish populations for future generations. 3
- 48.G/LF Commercial fishing work the 40-60 foot depth area – any Reserve Area in this area would hurt the 3
- 49.G/LF Concern about commercial lobster traps on the reefs and grass beds 0038
- 50.G/LF Do not eliminate commercial fishing – at all – any kind. 3
- 51.G/LF Don’t displace commercial fishermen. People have to work to make a living. 3
- 52.G/LF Eliminate all, including commercial, net fishing, bring back hook and line.
- 53.G/LF Eliminate bottom trawling shrimping in Biscayne Bay (dipnet is o.k., surface trawl). 3
- 54.G/LF For Miami fishing – commercial – the only area left is reef/offshore between Key Biscayne and Key Lazo – the boundary of the park 3

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- 55.G/LF I live from these waters and as I do thousands of others do for about 20 years others from 1963. We have all licenses required. We agree with what you say, but if anyone protect the waters and animals it is us because we live from fishing. And we want to be included in the new projects of the next 15 years in these waters. Because this represents the livelihood of our families. 3
- 56.G/LF If the Bay is closed to fishing it will affect our livelihood to maintain our families and pay for licenses. At 35-feet deep we fish grouper, yellow tail, red snapper, etc. If we cannot fish there then the waters are too deep for this fishing. (Reynaldo Rodriguez) 3
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- 58.G/LF Keep commercial and recreational lobstering and fishing open. Enough regulations already. Closing to fishing will push them south. 3
- 59.G/LF Keep commercial fishing open (all around buoys are closed forcing everyone to smaller areas). 3
- 60.G/LF Keys Gate Lobstering maybe every other year. Keys Gate No take, except line fishing. Keys Gate Need 100 yard zone around no take zone. Keys Gate Ban spear fishing & lobstering
- 61.G/LF Keys Gate Need to eliminate Roller frame traveling in park.
- 62.G/LF Keys Gate No commercial fishing. Keys Gate No mini lobster season.
- 63.G/LF Limit number of commercial shrimpers in the park.
- 64.G/LF Make sure commercial fisher folks are involved in decision making. 3
- 65.G/LF Manage commercial fishing in a way that increases maximum sustainable yield
- 66.G/LF National Park should not be catering to special interest groups, commercial fishing Florida Power and Lights barge, and private occupants at Stiltsville.
- 67.G/LF No commercial fishing in park 3
- 68.G/LF No Consumptive uses.

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- 69.G/LF No fishing should be allowed in a National Park. Ban commercial fishing in the park. Eliminate commercial fishing in the park. All commercial fishing should be banned within all National Parks Prohibit commercial fishing within Biscayne Bay.
- 70.G/LF No mini season 3
- 71.G/LF Over fishing by commercial vessels is a problem 0063 0087 0099 0152
- 72.G/LF Over-fishing (especially commercial and shrimping) are a concern 0130
- 73.G/LF Park is for everyone – commercial fishing, lobstering, and shrimping should remain intact as it's been forever. 3
- 74.G/LF Question was about the no-take zones in the Park. How is it justified? Example- pennycamp made changes like this and did not get input from visitors. 3
- 75.G/LF Regulate the use of using nets for shrimp in the bay.
- 76.G/LF Shrimping does not occur at a time that is in conflict with other high use activity. 3
- 77.G/LF Shrimping is bad, stop it. Eliminate commercial shrimp fishing within the park
- 78.G/LF Sponge fishing is out of control 0132 0138
- 79.G/LF Stay out of regulating fishing industry in Southern Florida. 3
- 80.G/LF Stop blaming commercial fishermen. They are only 10%. Recreational fishers and pollution is the problem. 3
- 81.G/LF Stop commercial shrimp boats from dragging nets on the bottom in the park 0061 0152
- 82.G/LF Stop commercial shrimping 3
- 83.G/LF Study commercial versus recreational fishing impacts. Is commercial really less? If recreational fishing is larger impact, regulate it too. 3
- 84.G/LF Talk to fishermen before any actions are taken. Do not implement no-take zone because it's the Government. They want to protect Reef, but at same time include local community. 3
- 85.G/LF The Hispanic commercial fishermen feel that they want to protect the resources of the Park more than anyone else because they understand the importance of the resources. 3

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- 86.G/LF The Hispanic community is concerned about losing their jobs because they believe that we will close the park to fishing/lobstering/shrimping. 3
- 87.G/LF The park should ban all commercial harvesting of natural resources 0050 0152
- 88.G/LF We need more enforcement of the size, bag limits and season of fish being kept 3
- 89.G/LF Why is RSMAS allowed to drag for scallops? What is the benefit to the park?
- 90.G/LF Why is there commercial fishing in a National Park?
- 91.G/LFVF Address the harm that fisheries are causing (Organic Act impairment issue)
- 92.G/LFVF Leave fishing rights, both commercial and recreational, up to the state 3
- 93.G/LO Co-locate park support staff facilities on Homestead Airforce Base or away from Convoy Point.
- 94.G/LO Combine management of Biscayne NP, Dry Tortugas NP and Fort Jefferson NM. 0023
- 95.G/LO Combined visitor center in Florida City for Biscayne, Everglades, Dry Tortugas, National Oceanographic, and Atmospheric Association, and Fish and Wildlife Service.
- 96.G/LO Consider alternate energy sources on islands to reduce noise and air pollution
- 97.G/LO Cross-deputize with other agencies to increase resource and visitor protection. (i.e. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary)
- 98.G/LO Establish visitor center on Cape Florida so visitors can enjoy view and appreciate Stiltsville history and structures. 3
- 99.G/LO Expand hours at Convoy Point, not necessarily at the visitor center, to sunrise to sunset to improve access for wind surfers and others. Extend evening hours at Convoy Point.
100. G/LO Extend hours of operation and public access to facilities and lighthouse on Boca Chita 0015 0018
101. G/LO Have a visitor/concession contact in the northern portion of the park. Key Biscayne, etc.
102. G/LO Increase park budget to increase park staff to provide more public programs and education to protect the resources.
103. G/LO Increase the interpretive and enforcement ranger staff. 0044 0130 0135 0089 0098 0117
104. G/LO Increased officer/ranger presence especially weekends and holidays 3
105. G/LO Insufficient funding for resource management 0128 0132

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106. G/LO Maintenance division needs to be increased to keep up the grounds, buildings, and infrastructure of the park. 0008
107. G/LO More publicity/focus on northern end of park to improve/increase support for park
108. G/LO More rangers needed to open Elliot Key Visitor Center.
109. G/LO Need a facility to promote all parks in the region.
110. G/LO Need satellite visitor center for Biscayne National Park and the other Florida parks for orientation and education.
111. G/LO Operate on same hours as existing Parks in the Area. 3
112. G/LO There is a wide variety of issues to be addressed and too few staff to meet the demand
113. G/LO Though the numbers are already known (acres 172,000 = 270 sq miles, average visitors = 400K yearly, Sunday afternoon to Friday afternoon = calm Friday to Sunday = many visitors, Hours of Operation = 24, Patrol Boats = 5, Ranger = 6 (1 being in Homestead) Has it occurred to anyone that these numbers require a greater amount of Rangers? How can safety be maintained among the visitors and boaters? How can the Park be well kept and respected with such a minute amount of Rangers? There should at least be a percentage in comparison to the Park size and amount of visitors and if that's the case five is a ridiculous amount. If it's too difficult to staff then at least during weekends and holidays. (Notes submitted by Lucy Luciano, Rep. For Senator Daryl L. Jones (305) 671-7420, District 40) 3
114. G/LP Ability of public to understand differences in jurisdiction is difficult due to overlapping jurisdictions with differing regulations.
115. G/LP Address Florida Power and Light barge. Either find alternative transportation through Biscayne Bay that is less disruptive or extend pipeline from Homestead Airforce Base to Turkey Point.
116. G/LP Collaboration is needed with other agencies, communities, counties in the region and similar ecosystems around the globe 0032 0086 0087 0099 0112 0113
117. G/LP Cooperative planning should be undertaken with the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary and John Pennekamp State Park to address region-wide threats to coral reefs.
118. G/LP Cross-deputize with other agencies to increase resource and visitor protection. (i.e. Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary)

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119. G/LP Do not allow EPL barge to cross the bay to enter mainland EPL. The potential of a spill would be disastrous. Instead: HAFRB has all the piping for jet fuel and is only five miles from HAFRB to FPL...use land route to pipe fuel. there are viable, safer alternatives. In addition, no dredging.3
120. G/LP Engage in regional interagency cooperative planning and management
121. G/LP Establish a small visitor center FP & L marina with law enforcement visible to respond fast to incidents. With fast response, fishing can be monitored (i.e. bag limit, size) Snapper creek marina Bill Baggs State Park – Maybe a visitor's center because resources are being taken from area even though it is not in the Park. (Park can save on time, fuel, total costs).
122. G/LP Include NOAA Sanctuary under lobstering regulations.
123. G/LP Incorporate model lands
124. G/LP More collaborative efforts across agencies. 3
125. G/LP No commercial barge traffic should be allowed in the park. Commercial shipping (oil tankers) routes through the bay is potentially harmful to the ecosystem 0006 0032 0138 0151
126. G/LP Operate on same hours as existing Parks in the Area. 3
127. G/LP Park needs to make better use of partnerships with boating organizations.3
128. G/LP Participate in Biscayne wetlands project (CERP) as champion (promote purchase of footprint lands now). 3
129. G/LP Partner with Fish and Wildlife to ? at County Park or step up checks in the channel. 3
130. G/LP Partner with outside scientists to ensure best available science is used in extensive evaluation and monitoring of coral reef habitats.
131. G/LP Provide another place to distribute information about the park like marinas. – Matheson Hammock, Black Point, and Dinner Key. Provide park brochures at more locations around Miami. – Bayside Tourist Center, Greater Miami CVB, Chamber of Commerce, and local hotels and hotel association.
132. G/LP The park should partner with the local community to promote diving, swimming, fishing and other recreational uses that do not harm the natural and cultural resources. 0018

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133. G/LP Work with Dade County to ensure that the option chosen for the use of Homestead Air Reserve Base will not harm values of the park.
134. G/LP Work with J. Pennecamp State Park on Joint habitat and coral protection. 3
135. G/LP Work with other state and federal land and marine management agencies to coordinate consistent regulations for visitor access and use of the park. 0002 0103
136. G/LS “Grandfather in” Stiltsville houses, it is what Cape Florida was many years ago. It is like the Cape Florida lighthouse, would have been a crime to tear it down. Stiltsville is a special place for people who live in the area. It is a landmark to bring visitors to and local scout groups etc. There is a lot of marine life that concentrates under the houses like barracuda and lobster. These houses should be grandfathered into the park and not taken away from the occupants. As a Cuban-American, he is very aware how sensitive the Cuban community is about watching the American government take property away from private citizens to make it “public” property because of what happened in Cuba and the mass taking of private businesses, etc. He would like to see the park service compliment the Stiltsville phenomenon and build their own Stiltsville-like house and make the available to the public.
137. G/LS Do Stiltsville structures attract certain types of marine life? After the houses are removed some of these fish and other life may leave.
138. G/LS Give Stiltsville back to the state of Florida so the state may issue site leases, like all other campsite in Florida, if so desired. Then this historically and culturally valuable district would remain in the hands of those that love it, ie Florida
139. G/LS I’m against Stiltsville and the flats around Stiltsville reverting to the state or any other entity. Stiltsville must remain part of the Biscayne National Park, even if it means dismantling it.
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141. G/LS If National Park Service takes over Stiltsville open it to the public.
142. G/LS If structures at Stiltsville are destroyed by storm they should not be rebuilt 0086 0104
143. G/LS Include strategy to ultimately remove Stiltsville structures

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144. G/LS Keep Stiltsville in private status. (In whatever way it can be accommodated). Too many liability issues and too much money for public/private. Leaseholders have maintained well for years. Stiltsville provides navigation aides. Leaseholders already provide for public access. 3
145. G/LS Leave land- owners alone. Leave Stiltsville alone If desired, purchase buffer at fair value. 3
146. G/LS Leave Stiltsville since it is one of the oldest cultural (Miami culture) sites in Bay area. Management would be difficult and impossible to run so current owners should remain ? of this historical district. 3
147. G/LS Move Stiltsville out of the Park. 3
148. G/LS Please save Stiltsville by leaving it in hands of owners who will maintain and preserve ath their expense and with no cost to Park or public. 3
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150. G/LS Save Stiltsville as is. 3
151. G/LS Stiltsville leaseholders always knew of reversion of area to public management – it is no surprise, “taking,” or rule changing. A national park is no place for private structures, as unique as they are.3
152. G/LS Stiltsville properties should be managed to maintain private leasing of property. The beautiful view of the Stiltsville houses is an important part of the landscape. Stiltsville should be retained because it is a historic resource. Stiltsville should be maintained for future generations to enjoy. What happened to people in Stiltsville is a raw deal. Cuban community is uncomfortable about the idea of the government taking over people’s houses – Stiltsville. Do not tear down Stiltsville. Would like to go to Stiltsville. Leave Stiltsville alone! Retain Stiltsville in private hands. Better to have private citizens fund it, the park will not be able to afford it. Keep park money for other resources. Stiltsville is important to maintain. Agreement is in the contract. 0003 0012 0014 0015 0019 0020 0027 0034 0048 0062 0074 0102 0105 0107 0108 0143 0152
153. G/LS Stiltsville properties should be removed. Demolish Stiltsville campsites. Stiltsville needs to go. Remove Stiltsville or have structures under public control. Get rid of Stiltsville completely. United States Department of the Interior is not in the business for profit and therefore should not be catering to special interest groups. National Park should not be catering to

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154. G/LS Stiltsville should be developed as a aquatic museum. Adaptively use Stiltsville structures. Support public use of Stiltsville. Support public use of Stiltsville as environmental camps Prefer to see it in public domain, but I only way to maintain the structures is to allow continuing private use, then so allow. 0022 0073 0086 0087 0109 0108 0112 0113 0122 0125 0040 0086 0087 0083
155. G/LS Stiltsville should be maintained by former lease -holders. 3
156. G/LS Stiltsville should be retained as public rentals 0013
157. G/LS Stiltsville should not be privately owned. The precedent of renegeing on promises should not be allowed. However, the building could be allowed to stay in Biscayne ? as ranger station or visitor center type activities (until hurricane lay them to ?) 3
158. G/LS Stiltsville should remain, but there should be no further development. 0017 0027
159. G/LS Stiltsville structures in private hands to retain structures/history. 3
160. G/LS Stiltsville way too expensive to maintain for public use.
161. G/R Park should be maintained in its natural state. Maintain as much undeveloped area in the park as possible. There should be more control over growth and development. Keep a low impact philosophy. Emphasize an environment that is nature (animal) friendly first.
162. G/R Preservation and protection should be the focus of management plans. 0048 0081 0126 0131 0137 0140 0084 0085 0086 0087 0088 0089 0096 0098 0099 0100 0103 0104 0109 0112 0113 0116 0145 0146 0146 0148 0149 0152 0153 0154 0155
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164. G/RA Air pollution sources that impact the park need to be reduced
165. G/RA Clean air is important 0047 0131 0134 0135 0139

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166. G/RC Adopt a submerged cultural resources strategy that includes inventory, monitoring, research, interpretation, education, and protection activities.
167. G/RC Biscayne National Park needs a maritime museum.
168. G/RC BNP's submerged archeological sites represent an international maritime collection potentially eligible for the National Historic Landmark status, possible "World Heritage Site" status
169. G/RC National Register of Historic Place Districts is not for interpretation only, they are management zones with resource protection procedures
170. G/RC Need better protection of shipwrecks, including archeological excavation if protection will not work and monitoring by radar.
171. G/RC Planning must all be done in a multi-cultural framework.
172. G/RC Restrictions in the triangular area at the wreck of the Fowey is undesirable 0023
173. G/RC Submerged archeological sites include more than just shipwrecks
174. G/RE (Reserve area) Wintertime work shrimp in park Summertime work reefs – 40 foot water with yellowtail 3
175. G/RE Aquatic preserve that has a sustainable ecosystem including mangrove forests, seagrass beds, coral reefs and all attendant fauna and flora should be preserved. 0005 0029 0131 0135
176. G/RE As there is increased use / activity, need to consider and designate Reserve Areas. Not just Reef access, but areas where there are bait fish. Look at entire system, bottom, coastline, est.? bay. 3
177. G/RE Be comprehensive and include all damaged ecosystems. (coral reefs, mangroves, bay)
178. G/RE Biodiversity, habitat, and water and air quality should be protected. 0017
179. G/RE Biscayne and all National Park units with Marine Resources should contain some or all National Park Service resources off limits to consumptive use. 3
180. G/RE Biscayne contains the rich estuaries that ? have to juvenile fisheries. By prohibiting consumptive use within park boundaries, you will actually be enriching all surrounding southern Florida marine resources. 3

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181. G/RE Biscayne is part of a larger Florida Keys ecosystem and should be managed as a part of the larger whole. The bay is an important park of the integrity of the ecosystem of south Florida 0017 0056
182. G/RE Clean healthy park that you can use.
183. G/RE Concern is if Reserve Areas are established will lose way of living. 3
184. G/RE Consider banning more destructive fisheries, limiting areas or creating zones for other fishing activities and build a strong enforcement and monitoring program.
185. G/RE Consider no take zones. Consider non-consumptive zone 3
186. G/RE Consider special use permits for qualified users in sensitive areas. Midnight pass should be restricted (motor, internal combustion engine) to a depth of 2.5 feet (OLFAN? Reef example). 3
187. G/RE Consider temporal and geographical zoning to partition resource use
188. G/RE Control access to sensitive areas, possibly by permitting – especially healthy coral reefs and nursery areas. 3
189. G/RE Create refuges and sanctuaries to protect the manatee, no boat and no access zones.
190. G/RE Critical habitat areas should only be established in areas where such designation is scientifically justified, regardless of whether such areas are within national park boundaries.
191. G/RE Definitely keep the natural state of the Park 3
192. G/RE Does not want to see any closures in the Park for stone crabs, blue crabs or lobsters, other than what is currently on state law. 3
193. G/RE Don't close/restrict areas – use closed season by species. 3
194. G/RE Don't restrict to just Reserve Areas, look at other contributing factors outside pollution.
195. G/RE Dredged spoil mounds disrupt the natural environment
196. G/RE Ecological diversity is important 0040 0140
197. G/RE Ensure equitable restrictions or closures. If an area is set aside to one set aside to all. (no take zones)
198. G/RE Have explicit and comprehensive ecologically justifiable goals and objectives.

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199. G/RE Have performance measures that indicate when restoration has been achieved and procure adequate funding mechanisms
200. G/RE Health of reserve areas should be monitored in cooperation with UM?RSMAS, etc. – health should never be assumed. 3
201. G/RE How are no-take zones in the Park justified? Talk to fishermen before any actions are taken and do not implement no-take zone because it's the Government. Include local community. 3
202. G/RE Identification and protection of key species in the park
203. G/RE Include recovery of imperiled populations
204. G/RE It is important to understand global climate changes, impacts of local industrial development, and possible unforeseen impacts from the Everglades restoration to set directions for the long-term management of Biscayne Bay. 0007
205. G/RE Less fishing, more aquatic life 0049
206. G/RE Little human influence (there is already a lot of use by people on the keys) Nature ecosystems 3
207. G/RE Little human influence (there is already a lot of use by people on the keys) Nature ecosystems 3
208. G/RE Manage resources such as fishing and boating to ensure resource viability.
209. G/RE Monitor sensitive resources.
210. G/RE Need protection of terrestrial environmental resources.
211. G/RE No ? zones anywhere. Yet to be proven an effective tool. 3
212. G/RE No depletion of fish stocks. 3
213. G/RE Park natural resources and associated values are protected, restored, maintained, and adaptively managed within their broader south Florida and Caribbean ecosystems and cultural context.
214. G/RE Park should be actively involved in planning efforts for a comprehensive restoration program. Comprehensive Restoration Program (CERP)
215. G/RE Park should be managed to enhance an integrated ecosystem and less of a chaotic jumble of uses (dump, nuclear, airport, gravel pit, natural area). 0004

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216. G/RE Park should manage holistically for sustainable ecosystem including mangrove forests, seagrass beds, coral reefs and all attendant flora and fauna, including viable migratory bird populations 0005 0029 0030 0131
217. G/RE Play a significant role in advancing objectives of the National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reef by establishing a no-take ecological reserve and identifying effective regulatory regimes to ensure no-take zones protect highest priority reef habitats
218. G/RE Preserve all of Biscayne National Park's assets.
219. G/RE Preserve the mangrove coastline to protect the function of the bay and associated patch reefs.
220. G/RE Protect character of existing shoreline on main land and islands. 3
221. G/RE Protected waters with no-catch enforcement is desirable 0044
222. G/RE Reduce physical anthropogenic (human caused) damage to the bay, islands, and especially the reef.
223. G/RE Reserve area Reserve areas are not just for Biscayne National Park – they support fish populations throughout the SE Florida coast and the Keys. They need to be large b/c they serve a large area. 3
224. G/RE Reserve Area should be managed areas but no closures. 3
225. G/RE Reserve Area's are ok provided there is strong rationale for doing so, and there is not a domino effect for more and more in Reserve Areas. 3
226. G/RE Reserve areas are very important wherever to protect unique ecosystem(s), or threatened (or potentially threatened) species or other sensitive areas. 3
227. G/RE Reserve Areas okay provided there is strong rationale for doing so, and there is not a domino effect for more and more Reserve Areas.
228. G/RE Reserve areas should be expanded whenever possible – outside of Biscayne National Park there will no “reserve” – type areas, so Biscayne National Park reserves are essential. 3
229. G/RE Reserve areas: don't do what the sanctuary did – should not be arbitrary. Justify why. 3
230. G/RE Reserves should be patrolled as such – they are absolute. 3

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231. G/RE Resources should be top, number one priority for big issues in park. Once land waters are developed or degraded they are gone. They are more pristine than any areas in the park today.
232. G/RE Sanctuary protected areas are a farce. 3
233. G/RE Scientific exploration is okay, as long as the Reserve Area is designed and required to protect the resource. 3
234. G/RE Scientific exploration is okay, supportive of Reserve Areas if that is what is required to protect the resource.
235. G/RE Scientifically proven, reserves work. Scientifically optimal for fisheries replenishment, enforcement, visitor understanding of closed areas, regulations, all species protection 3
236. G/RE Set aside 20% of each representative habitat as “no take” zones.
237. G/RE Some “Reserve” areas are okay, provided it is not blanket coverage. Okay with Reserve areas if that will help protect/preserve the reef. 3
238. G/RE Some areas should be off-limits as no-take zones to help protect the resources 0055
239. G/RE Specific conservation measures for no-take ecological reserves, such as the inclusion of mooring buoys or no-boat zones
240. G/RE The American public understands the “no take” concept in terrestrial parks, and therefore can in time embrace the same concept for Marine Resources. 3
241. G/RE The intent at the Park is public use. No Reserve – No Research 3
242. G/RE The park is an important global resource 0056 0086
243. G/RE The park is nationally and internationally recognized for its resources and as a unit of the national park system.
244. G/RE The park must remain in a state that is at least as natural, pristine and unpolluted as it is today.
245. G/RE There should be no reserves for scientific research. 3
246. G/RE Value unique underwater natural preserve 0042
247. G/RE What is the present use of these areas? Clarify differences/similarities of DR to Reserve Areas. Clear up confusion between the two. 3

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248. G/RE When National Park Service can enforce (realistically) existing regulations then would be supportive of Reserve Areas. 3
249. G/RE Zone an area to be closed to any type of use, except for research, with entry accessed through a permit system.
250. G/REVA Maintain a healthy ecosystem and outstanding recreational opportunities. 0017
251. G/RF Ban spear fishing in the park.
252. G/RF Bird life and trees and plants must be protected and preserved. 0004 0098 0116 0126
253. G/RF Diversity of wildlife is important. 0008 0026 0086
254. G/RF Engage in regional planning efforts of Miami Dade County with regard to exotic and invasive plants
255. G/RF Eradication of invasive species should be addressed in the GMP Eradication of invasive species should be addressed in the GMP 0641 0128
256. G/RF Establish a monitoring program for fauna in the park 0116
257. G/RF Exotic species need to be monitored and controlled. This includes viral and bacterial organisms from ship bilge water
258. G/RF Maintenance of wildlife populations especially wading birds and raptors 0004 0128
259. G/RF Most importantly, protect seagrass beds and manatees through speed limits and zones. 3
260. G/RF Panther preservation? 3
261. G/RF Quality of marine habitats coral reefs and ability to use and enjoy them 0018
262. G/RF Recovery of depleted species needs to be a priority
263. G/RF Renew commitment to the preservation of native species of Biscayne Bay and their habitats. 0032 0036
264. G/RF Seagrass needs to be restored
265. G/RF Stop anchoring at Sand Cut.
266. G/RF The park has a responsibility to protect and restore natural resources.
267. G/RF The U.S.A. has more marine resources than terrestrial resources. Less than 1% of the marine resources have any type of protection (versus 40% for terrestrial resources). And worse yet – less than ½ of that 1% is no take. Given that our

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fisheries industry is severely over-fished – it would behoove the US public to institute the same protections for marine resources that terrestrial resources enjoy. 3

- 268. G/RF Why manatee zones? Must they be year round? 3
- 269. G/RF Wildlife should be protected (wading birds and others), reduce noise from engines, enforce speed limits. 3
- 270. G/RN A problem for the bay is the contamination from the Miami River and raw sewage pipe lines that have problems each year. 0640
- 271. G/RN Actively promote Biscayne Bay Coastal Wetlands Project of CERP
- 272. G/RN Address how park will facilitate the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan projects
- 273. G/RN Address impacts both within and outside of park boundaries to protect endangered species and their habitats.
- 274. G/RN Address non-point source pollutants and identify park utilities or management practices that may be contributing to water quality problems.
- 275. G/RN Address polluted discharge from adjacent lands.
- 276. G/RN Address stormwater management. How will the park participate in regional decisions about forward pumping?
- 277. G/RN Adjacent uses, especially development of lands is a concern for the park 0641
- 278. G/RN After rain storms (flood gates open) seeing sponges affected 3
- 279. G/RN Be proactive in promoting the conservation of Buffer lands. 3
- 280. G/RN Buffer lands are important
- 281. G/RN Concerned about South Florida Water Management Water District water release that may be affecting Biscayne Bay.
- 282. G/RN Development of coastal areas would effect environmental balance of the bay. 0017 0059 0133
- 283. G/RN Development outside park boundaries will impact park resources 0006 0017 0045 0056
- 284. G/RN Elevate the status of the Biscayne Coastal Wetlands Project.
- 285. G/RN Encroachment of urban development threatens opportunities for solitude 0032

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286. G/RN Encroachment of urban sprawl and degradation of the bay ecosystem through over-use and lack of long-term sustainable policies by local, state, and federal governments is a problem 0005 0042 0044 0079 0127 0128 0150
287. G/RN Garbage dump run-off at Black Point is a problem 0052 0133
288. G/RN Get rid of Mt. Trashmore. Do something to prevent it from damaging the bay.
289. G/RN Hydrologically isolate landfill.
290. G/RN Include external threats and boundary expansion component
291. G/RN Increase connection between marine/estuarine environments and upland-wetland terrestrial environments
292. G/RN Keys Gate Concern – Is Turkey Point cooling water migrating vertically?
293. G/RN Leakage from the landfill and the deep disposal wells is harmful to the bay ecosystem 0023
294. G/RN Maintenance of undeveloped, functional wetlands surrounding the park 0004
295. G/RN Need buffer lands adjacent to park would allow treatment of water before discharging into Biscayne Bay. Establish treatment wetlands.
296. G/RN Need to Hydrologically isolate the landfill so that toxic materials do not migrate into Biscayne Bay.
297. G/RN Need to store rainwater for slower release.
298. G/RN No more dumps on Biscayne Bay. (no more in general.)
299. G/RN Preserve the mangrove coastline to protect the function of the bay and associated patch reefs.
300. G/RN Real problem is septic discharge Key Largo to Key West – that gets discharged into water 3
301. G/RN Secure legal additional allocation of freshwater for the park.
302. G/RN seepage from commercial landfill north of the park is contained
303. G/RN Stop any and type of pollution in the bay anyway we can i.e., farm filed nutrient and pesticide runoff 3
304. G/RN Stop SFWMD from spraying and injecting herbicides into canals. Which is flushed into the Bay. 3
305. G/RN Support coastal wetlands concept to improve sheet flow into Biscayne Bay.
306. G/RN The park needs to understand groundwater flow into the park
307. G/RN There are impacts to the park from off-shore shipping industry and proximity to shipping lanes

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308. G/RN There is inadequate western near-shore estuarine habitat
309. G/RN Too much fresh water from flood control gates 0132 0151
310. G/RN Urban encroachment with increased water pollution is a problem
311. G/RN Use coastal wetlands to re-distribute water to the Bay from canal point sources.
312. G/RN Wetland protection is important 0084 0151
313. G/RR Allow more artificial reefs in the park. 3
314. G/RR Coral reef biodiversity is important 0032 0040 0047 0059 0086 0087 0098 0099 0112 0128 0139 0144 0145 0147 0149
315. G/RR Coral reefs and endangered species need protection. 0005 0018
316. G/RR Coral reefs are damaged by anchoring on coral 0024
317. G/RR Coral reefs need to be protected
318. G/RR Devise effective strategies for conserving and recovering coral reef resources
319. G/RR Emphasize fragility of corals 3
320. G/RR Need to set aside coral reef areas to implement coral reef initiative 3
321. G/RR Responsibility to uphold E.O. 13089 on Coral Reef protection that federal actions impacting reefs be identified, use programs to protect and enhance conditions of such ecosystems, and ensure that actions do not degrade conditions of coral reefs.
322. G/RS Commercial aircraft are a noisy intrusion in the park 0050 0123
323. G/RS Create commercial “no fly” zones over the park. General aviation okay
324. G/RS Develop Soundscape Plan as a tool for evaluation of adjacent land use decisions and motorized vehicle and vessel appropriateness.
325. G/RS Low flying aircraft especially ultra lights are disruptive to flats fishermen. They fly too low and sometime loud in the park. 3
326. G/RS Maintain South Dade soundscape to promote clear sound areas for park and film industry.

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327. G/RS Natural soundscapes are important and need to be protected
328. G/RS Noise pollution should be addressed
329. G/RS Overflights (MIA, ocean reef, military, general aviation, and potential sight-seeing) is a concern
330. G/RS Shouldn't use sound to curtail activities 3
331. G/RS Soundscape no machine/human generated sounds (other than the squeals of delight!) the remote characteristics that are enjoyed include absence of human generated sounds.
332. G/RS Soundscape plan needs to have significant input from boating community. Plan must be scientifically based and make common sense.
333. G/RS The waterways are too noisy. Natural soundscapes should be preserved. Noisy visitors infringe on natural quiet. Natural Quiet should be preserved. Prevent noise pollution 0006 0024 0025 0032 0038 0040 0047 0051 0059 0074 0076 0085 0086 0087 0096 0099 0123 0126 0127 0129 0131 0132 0138 0153
334. G/RV FPL Turkey Point architecturally modify towers to be more environmentally friendly i.e. Cutler Power Point (152 St? Bay) 3
335. G/RV Increase in anchor lights on boats is a light pollution source 0076
336. G/RV Level Mt. Trashmore. Modify shape to be more environmentally friendly. 3
337. G/RV Light intrusions from adjacent properties are affecting night skies in the park
338. G/RV Natural beauty of area should be maintained for the future 0017 0033 0047 0058
339. G/RV Night skies should be preserved 0032
340. G/RV Preserve view from bay looking inland and at interesting landmarks – Stiltsville and Cape Florida Lighthouse. 3
341. G/RV Protect and maintain viewshed as much as possible 0032 0062
342. G/RV Sunset over Mt. Trashmore is sad. 3
343. G/RV The power plant is an intrusion on the visual scene 0123 0133
344. G/RV Value remote out-island feel 0036
345. G/RW A lot of debris killing sea turtles.

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346. G/RW Balancing impact of greater use against quality of the water is a concern. 0018 0046 0148 0154
347. G/RW Canal releases after heavy rains damage Biscayne Bay. (point source)
348. G/RW Clean water is important. Maintain excellent water quality. Water quality issues are important in understanding impacts of use for all resources in the park. 0018 0032 0036 0040 0045 0047 0059 0062 0081 0098 0110 0123 0125 0127 0128 0130 0134 0135 0138 0139 0151
349. G/RW Clean water is important. Maintain excellent water quality. Water quality issues are important in understanding impacts of use for all resources in the park. Water quality has dropped significantly 0018 0032 0036 0040 0045 0047 0059 0062 0081 0098 0110 0123 0125 0127 0128 0130 0134 0135 0138 0139 0151
350. G/RW Clean-up Military Canal
351. G/RW Concentrate on water quality first before establishing Reserve Areas. 3
352. G/RW Concerned about the amount of fresh water coming into the Park/bay (i.e. when the Lake was lowered last year) and how it negatively affected lobster and ballyhoo populations. Also, run-off from Trash Mountain. 3
353. G/RW Create storage system for rainwater in heavy downpour for agriculture, drinking water and the environment.
354. G/RW Do not remove fresh water from Biscayne National Park and Biscayne Bay.
355. G/RW Do not take fresh water away from Biscayne Bay.
356. G/RW Dumping of refuse into the bay by recreational boaters 0017
357. G/RW Eliminate water pollution.
358. G/RW Enforce Coast Guard regulations that prohibit vessel discharges.
359. G/RW Enforcement of regulations controlling discharge of toxic materials into the bay by recreational and commercial boating. 0017
360. G/RW Ensure that CERP replaces historic clean water flows to the park
361. G/RW Evaluate impacts of overland and canal run off of marine and coastal microbial communities. (i.e. red tide)
362. G/RW Everglades Restoration - ? water slows to Biscayne – no reuse No re-use for the Park use current flow No waste water reuse to Biscayne Bay.3

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363. G/RW Fresh water needs of the park should be looked at holistically with the Everglades Water Modification Project.
0044 0099
364. G/RW Fresh water quality, quantity, timing flow, and distribution to the bay need to be monitored and improved.
365. G/RW Fueling boats often results in fuel getting into the water despite strong efforts to avoid this. Little drips into the water add up
366. G/RW Improve timing and distribution of freshwater into the bay. Natural flow of fresh and salt water should be restored. No constant flows of fresh water for plankton growth. Restore freshwater flows to Biscayne Bay 0040 0050 0052 0086 0087 0103 0128
367. G/RW Improving water quality in near shore areas 0004 0008 0031 0059
368. G/RW Keys Gate Better regulation of canal system to better locate water for drinking, agriculture, etc.
369. G/RW Maintain/restore natural water flows - move from point sources – spreading the water out
370. G/RW More freshwater for the park.
371. G/RW Natural aquatic systems should be stressed in assessment of environmental impacts 0005 0032 0044 0049
372. G/RW Pilot project for wastewater reuse in Everglands Restoration Plan must be looked at carefully and only water of high quality should be accepted for delivery into the park.
373. G/RW Preserve and restore the historical freshwater flow into Biscayne Bay.
374. G/RW Prevent water pollution, bay and groundwater
375. G/RW Problem in the bay is lack of historic water flow and pollutants.
376. G/RW Problems are not the boaters, problem is sewage and sewage (septic) treatment that are affecting the reefs, not the boaters. 3
377. G/RW Review oil spill technology for applicability to problems and communities in Biscayne National Park.
378. G/RW Water flows must be natural.
379. G/RW What are we doing about water quality issues in the Bay?
380. G/V Don't change anything! 3

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381. G/VA Access to mainland sections of the park should be improved to disperse visitor use of the park. 0004
382. G/VA Access to the parklands should be maintained at its current level. 0017 0019 0020
383. G/VA Although I did not get a chance to visit the Keys, I hope they are preserved 0045
384. G/VA Area should stay the same 0012 0039 0042 0062
385. G/VA Canoe trails via the canal heads would be good
386. G/VA Charge a fee for boat use in the park 0045
387. G/VA Consider temporal and geographical zoning to partition resource use.
388. G/VA Don't change character of Park to accommodate users. If it's not broke, don't fix it.
389. G/VA Don't close Sand Bay / Sands Key but find a way to limit the number of boats at a time. 3
390. G/VA During hurricane shutdowns, limit access, but do not close the area to the public. This is prime time for boardsailing during the normally light winded summer.
391. G/VA Eliminate human impacts, fishing commercial use, jet skis and limited camping to create more of a wilderness experience.
392. G/VA Ensure links with busway –alternative transportation.
393. G/VA Establish carrying capacity to enhance visitor experience.
394. G/VA Greater access to island cultural resources for non-boat owners.
395. G/VA Have a ferry, marine taxi, trip to drop off and pick-up visitors to the islands.
396. G/VA Identify the types and levels of visitor use in different areas of the park consistent with maintenance of the desired conditions in that area (carrying capacity)
397. G/VA Improve accessibility to park. Improve access to the islands. 0033 0135
398. G/VA Increase use of Jones Lagoon
399. G/VA Island trip prices are too high, should be less expensive than reef trip.
400. G/VA Keep natural resources as close to pristine as possible while allowing public use.
401. G/VA Keep park open to public. 3

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402. G/VA Land-locked visitors need greater access to the resources on the keys
403. G/VA Limited use areas would be good.
404. G/VA Manage impacts rather than keeping people out. (Permits and fees for example). 3
405. G/VA No more closures, need dispersal of visitation. Restrictions on use of the park should be kept to a minimum Do not want restricted areas Park should be open for all to enjoy. Focus on enforcement not research and closures. G/A Parks are for people and must be managed for that purpose. 0003 0021 0023 0143
406. G/VA Overuse of the park has lead to a degradation of resources. 0005
407. G/VA Protect the park but still allow as much use and access as possible.
408. G/VA Provide public transportation to the park.
409. G/VA Provide transportation to Elliot Key for day use – go out in AM and come back in the PM.
410. G/VA Public boat snorkel and scuba diving trips from Elliott Key 0135
411. G/VA Public boat transportation available to bikers to Elliott Key
412. G/VA The grass flats are over-used. 0016
413. G/VA The greater metro area is largely disconnected with the park.
414. G/VA The park should not identify tourists as “wrong doers” or “evil doers.” 3
415. G/VA The park’s natural and cultural assets should be protected, but access to the park should be as open as possible 0020 0124 0143 0148
416. G/VA There is a lack of local public awareness regarding Biscayne National Park existence and purpose. Visitors don’t always know they are in the park, especially if they are just out boating.
417. G/VA To protect and preserve the Park for what it is we sometimes need to make sacrifices. The longevity of the Park is more important than just the use of the Park. 3
418. G/VA Too many restrictions in the triangular area where the wreck of the Fowey is located. 0023

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419. G/VA Treated like back-country permit → Primitive, no amenities to enrich? The resource via recreation vs. using the resources as a backdrop for recreation. It's about the visitor expense to experience the resources untrammelled by humans and human influence.
420. G/VA Visitors are limited to the mainland upon arrival. They need affordable, dependable regularly scheduled transportation to Elliott Key and/or Boca Chita to explore all day on their own
421. G/VA Work with local community to develop bicycle access to the park via Key Biscayne and downtown Homestead 0078
422. G/VA Would like to see more hiking trails.
423. G/VB Access to park should be by non-mechanized means (canoes, swimming, etc) 0140 0089
424. G/VB An anchorage area west of Elliot Key is necessary to protect seagrass
425. G/VB Avoid damaging seagrass on flats (example: Sands Cut, Stiltsville) with lots of boats and partying. It's dangerous as well as damaging the resource. (They would never allow this at Everglades.) 3
426. G/VB Ban loud boat engines. 0002 0059 Jet boats with unmuffled engines contribute to noise pollution 0076 0089 0153
G Keep restrictions on personal watercraft.
427. G/VB Boating is not a problem, except for anchors as far as resource damage. 3
428. G/VB Boats with motors must turn off. Raise motor up when going across shallow flats / sea grass beds. This would be a general principle for all areas of park. 3
429. G/VB Caesar's Creek – dredge bayside so large boats can get in and out at tides other than high, less impact on environment, less impact on Stiltsville. This would have less impact than dredging Sands or Lewis.
430. G/VB Certain seasons/areas should be motor-free. 3
431. G/VB Commit to replacing motor vehicle and motorized equipment fleets upon retirement only with the most fuel efficient and lowest polluting vehicle.
432. G/VB Concern that the park will overflow with reckless/dangerous boaters. 0011 0098 0130

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433. G/VB Consider special use permits for qualified users in sensitive areas. Midnight Pass is an example. Should be restricted from boats with a motor depth at 2.5 feet. 3
434. G/VB Continue to allow responsible boaters to anchor and cruise the area 0051
435. G/VB Convoy Point offers one of only three-access points to Biscayne Bay for wind surfers. Keep it this way. 0081
436. G/VB Could consider trolling motor as alternative to no motors. 3
437. G/VB Develop boat paths as the **only** designated areas where boaters can go. Establish canoe/kayak trails. Canoe exploring of shorelines is desirable. Visitor access to remote areas for kayaking and canoeing needs to be available. 0004 0013 0044 0078
438. G/VB Do not have speed limits anywhere – particularly in navigational corridors (except existing no wake).3
439. G/VB Don't have no motor zones in Park waters. 3
440. G/VB Don't impose any non-motorized zones in bay. 3
441. G/VB Don't limit the size of vessels. 3
442. G/VB Don't put speed limits on Park waters. 3
443. G/VB Enforce speed limits within Biscayne National Park. 3
444. G/VB Enjoy using flats boat to explore Soldier Key and the Mangrove shorelines. 0130 0136
445. G/VB Forget speed limits. (Boats may need to be on plane to navigate shallow areas). 3
446. G/VB Human powered entrance only, (sail, swim, snorkel, kayak, canoe, float...)
447. G/VB If slow speed / no wake zones are established on Whitewater Bay, in Everglades, won't that increase fishing pressure at Biscayne?
448. G/VB In order to experience solitude and tranquility, the size and type of boats should be restricted (no engine noise) 9/20/01
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450. G/VB In park speed limit SLOW 3
451. G/VB Include a vessel grounding prevention and emergency response plan.

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452. G/VB Is there a way to prevent boaters from just going anywhere in the park, there should be restrictions
453. G/VB Keep access for all people regardless of vessel type. Closing area to boating is a concern it defeats the purpose of the park. 0020 0075 0142
454. G/VB Limit heavy vessels going through Arsenickers to Broad Creek. 3
455. G/VB Limit size of vessels. Number of boats allowed in the park should be limited 00450052 0076
456. G/VB Link the manatee idle zone all the way down the parks western boundary.
457. G/VB Low speed limits a must, as well as corridors for transport to ensure safe passage. 3
458. G/VB Need speed limits to protect manatees. 3
459. G/VB Need to limit number of boats, size of boats, septic discharge from boats and homes
460. G/VB No jet skis or related type vessels.3
461. G/VB No motorized vessels with motors on in grass flats. 3
462. G/VB Permit only environmentally friendly boats and craft on park waters
463. G/VB Powerboats and personal water craft are a hazard to wildlife 0076
464. G/VB Prevent beaching in Safety Valve and Stiltsville areas
465. G/VB Promote kayak and canoe access. Offer electric motors for disabled to access more remote areas. (workshops and teaching?) 3
466. G/VB Recreational boating should continue in the park.
467. G/VB Reopen southern cut on Old Rhodes Key to Jones Lagoon. Make cut large enough for small skiff.
468. G/VB Restore canoe and windsurfer launch area to its natural or sandy shallow bottom, rather than artificially dredged trench. This will make access easier for those launching here.
469. G/VB Should be areas with strict sound, safety, and resource protection. Consider motorboat speed-limits, limits to horsepower, no-wake and no-motorized zones should be identified. Such as no-motor zones in Safety Valve, mangrove coastline, and Arsenicker area, and throughout the boundaries. More non-motorized vessel areas from FPL channel marker #17 to #18, and continuing southeast to East Arsenicker, including Midnight Pass. Create non-combustion engine zone from

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Stiltsville to Soldier Key. Designate part of Biscayne National Park as a wilderness zone with no-motor restrictions. Need areas set aside off limits for motor boats along western coastline areas and 1000 feet away from navigation channels. Restrict boating to non-motorized craft 0147 0153 0011 0016 0030 0031 0074 0076 0089 0112 0117 0029 0076 0086 01360145 0011 0087 0089 0099 0155 G A b 0027 0051 0085 0149 0152

470. G/VB Some areas should be “No Engine” For example ONLY KAYAKS AD CANOES -- Canoe Trails? 9/20/01
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472. G/VB Some non-motorized areas are O.K., but don’t be so restricted about size and type of boat. The problem is boat operators not the boats. 3
473. G/VB Speed limits in manatee zones and close to snorkeling areas – as slow as possible 3
474. G/VB Speed limits should be enforced Elliot to Border outside – slow Area Dante to Elliot inside – slow 3
475. G/VB There needs to be boater education to protect seagrass and help prevent groundings
476. G/VB There should be a “canoeing only” area in the shallows. Need closure zones for motorized entry and harvest. 0030
477. G/VB Water turbidity caused by larger, faster boats is stirring up the bottom
478. G/VB We need to keep the ban on personal watercraft (jet ski) in effect. 3
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480. G/VBVR Hope we can continue to boat and fish in the park.
481. G/VC Amount of money spent on the visitor center at Convoy Point would be better served if used in the rest of the park where the majority of the visitors are
482. G/VC Avoid having lots of cars crowding the park 0126
483. G/VC Concession base operations, boat trips, tours etc. more accessibility based in Miami or Key Biscayne etc. to come in to the Park. 3
484. G/VC Concessionaires should explore non-polluting, low noise alternative to diesel. 3
485. G/VC Create a planned grid for Elliot Key campground using native vegetation to outline sites, too much like camping on a lawn.

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486. G/VC Develop educational and environmental programs and facilities at Elliot Key similar to Shark Valley in Everglades National Park
487. G/VC Don't stop camping at Elliott Key 3
488. G/VC Eliminate human impacts, fishing commercial use, jet skis and limited camping to create more of a wilderness experience.
489. G/VC Elliot Key Station should be open to boaters. Should have information, etc.
490. G/VC Enhance facilities at Elliott Key. Bigger number of possible activities including ping-pong, something for kids to burn off steam. 3
491. G/VC Enhance facilities at Elliott. 3
492. G/VC Establish a small visitor center with law enforcement visible to respond fast to incidents. With fast response, fishing can be monitored (i.e. bag limit, size) Snapper creek marina FP & L marina 3
493. G/VC Establish more campsites on the islands.
494. G/VC Greater variety of services and greater frequency
495. G/VC Have a ferry, marine taxi, trip to drop off and pick-up visitors to the islands
496. G/VC Hot water for day users and campers at Elliott Key, but only if such facilities do not harm anything. 0030
497. G/VC Improvements are needed at Elliott Key such as landscaping, cooking grills, picnic tables 0018
498. G/VC Increase concessions to get visitors out into park to reduce the current unlimited boat access.
499. G/VC Make Elliot Key more of a focal point of the park. That is where the visitors are, not Convoy Point.
500. G/VC Might want concession services at Elliott and Boca Chita 3
501. G/VC More nature trails on the islands 0059
502. G/VC Need a visitor center at the north end of the park. "Go where the people are." Suggest Coconut Grove or Key Biscayne and offer boat tours from there.
503. G/VC Need adequate parking facilities 0126
504. G/VC Need park information available on the islands. Maintenance personnel are asked all kinds of questions

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505. G/VC No development (no buildings) on Elliott Key 0043
506. G/VC No more campsites 3
507. G/VC No more marinas or slips in park 3
508. G/VC No more visitor center when existing visitor center is not at capacity. 3
509. G/VC No unnecessary man-made changes, too much pavement and too many buildings don't belong in a national park
0038 0051 0137
510. G/VC Open Sands Key and Ragged Keys to Primitive Camping 0013
511. G/VC Park cultural resources and associated values are protected, restored, maintained, and adaptively managed within
their broader south Florida and Caribbean ecosystems and cultural context.
512. G/VC Park Service Visitor center(s) are crucial to public awareness that, 1st there exists a National Park in Biscayne Bay,
and that resource has (x) benefits and restriction (rules). 3
513. G/VC Park should offer mobile concession to and for boat users in the Park; i.e. food, fuel, and education component, to
help serve as another pair of eyes to watch for and report resource violations. 3
514. G/VC Promote the idea of underwater trails with plaques and numbered sites to educate the public. Include pamphlets for
education ahead of time. Establish more buoys for mooring, to see the sites, archeological, submerged sites.
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516. G/VC Provide vendor/concession on Elliot Key. (i.e. food and drinks etc.)
517. G/VC Re-instate enclosed pavilions on the keys for mosquito free picnics
518. G/VC Should distribute GMP literature at all marinas so user groups are better informed. 3
519. G/VC Showers with heated water. (Hot water showers at Elliot Key).
520. G/VC Some interest in access to Jetty to fishing. 3
521. G/VC Spend less money on administrative functions and public facilities and spend more in the field. Where public,
visitors and law enforcement interact.

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522. G/VC There should be a location in Miami where information can be acquired, comments shared closer to the population. Could serve as an educational resource. 3
523. G/VC There should be a store where picnic supplies and food could be purchased 0078
524. G/VC There should be docking space at HQ for visitors
525. G/VC There should be good boat ramps. 0012
526. G/VC Very discouraging to visitors to visit the park and not find a reliable concession
527. G/VC Visitation at Boca Chita is more than the restroom facilities can handle; a larger facility with the proper power should be installed or limit visitation at Boca Chita.
528. G/VC We need more enforcement at the north end (Stiltsville area) of the park. 3
529. G/VC You cannot maintain Park properly without the necessary amount of resources. In order to keep the Park and waters from deteriorating there should be no more slips added. Way too many at the moment. To add more would endanger the wildlife and affect visitors possibly in a negative way. (Notes submitted by Lucy Luciano, Rep. For Senator Daryl L. Jones (305) 671-7420, District 40) 3
530. G/VE Determine how the park will protect resources from lasting damage climate change may cause through global warming.
531. G/VE Lack of public awareness of underwater treasures and loss of valuable vestiges of human effects on the environment from archeological to current recent impacts. Underwater resources should be interpreted to the public.
532. G/VE The park contributes to knowledge about natural and cultural resources and their associated values.
533. G/VE The park is a leader in education and interpretation of the terrestrial, amphibious, and marine resources significant to the park
534. G/VE Visitors should have more of an educational experience regarding submerged cultural resources
535. G/VE We emphasize the natural resource story, but it is often to the belittlement of the cultural resource story
536. G/VE Work with diverse cultures to instill sense stewardship

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537. G/VE Would like to see more information on shipwrecks in the park. Not aware that park has shipwrecks and other cultural resources.
538. G/VF A lot of fishing activity around Pacific Lighthouse. Keep it open. 3
539. G/VF Against 20% level of “no take”.
540. G/VF An all-inclusive ban on fishing in the park would be terrible. My fishing rights are important. I enjoy fishing in the park 0063 0124
541. G/VF Boaters and fishermen must continue to have access to the park. We do not support the wholesale closure of areas in the park as a management method.
542. G/VF Catch and release only for billfish or limit to a specific number of permits.
543. G/VF Closures for two or three month summer spawning season only. Do not want to see any other closures concerning ballyhoo and lobster. 3
544. G/VF Concerned about the development of a fisheries management plan as a complementary document to the management plan. A statewide perspective is required for fisheries with the park.
545. G/VF Concerned if lobstering was eliminated on the ocean side in Biscayne National Park, or if any no take/closed zones (on the outside) would force too many users on Monroe County resources 3
546. G/VF Continue to allow lobstering and fishing.
547. G/VF Do away with lobster mini season. 3
548. G/VF Do not ban fishing or spear fishing 0054
549. G/VF Do not want more restrictions on sport fishing
550. G/VF Don’t deprive us of fishing the shallows adjoining the creeks 0052
551. G/VF During peak spawning season (July – September?) close the ocean side of islands all the way from northern boundary to southern boundary of Biscayne National Park, to the taking of ballyhoo. 3
552. G/VF Eliminate sports season. 3
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554. G/VF Fish management plan must provide for adequate enforcement of current and future regulations.
555. G/VF fisheries Management Plan – Be part of national initiative to replenish or ? resources. 3
556. G/VF Fishing allowed in other areas, not sure if fishing should also be permitted in National Park. 3
557. G/VF Good access to high quality blue water, reef backwater and freshwater fishing will help keep generations of families in South Dade.
558. G/VF Grass flats should be restricted to recreational fishing by boat 0036
559. G/VF Have some limits or restrictions such as amount of fishing. But must emphasize that the public should have total access to the park. Do not shut any part of the park down.
560. G/VF How will the fishermen be informed about zones that are closed? Most fishermen do not read the newspaper. Only watch TV (Channels 23 and 51) and radio. Newscaster on channel 51 discusses fisheries a lot and is listened to by large part of Hispanic community. They say that the terrorist attack superceded any information about the GMP meeting, and they felt as though we were trying to sneak something by them. They are understandably upset.
561. G/VF I have seen no degradation to coral, fish or lobster populations 0060
562. G/VF Impose gear restrictions
563. G/VF Include fisheries management pollicies as they relate to impacts on reef resources and determine options to ban or restrict harmful forms of reef fishing. Use zone for no-take or non-consumptive uses
564. G/VF Increase of fish along Elliott Key. Abundance is increasing. Now ? larger Bayside where there weren't in the 60-70's. 3
565. G/VF It is good that the park is a lobster sanctuary 0055
566. G/VF It is important that the park acts as a breeding habitat for various fish populations. Depletion of fish breeding grounds is a concern 0026 0087 0125 0130 0139 0059 0138 0012 0062 0086 0089 0149 0152
567. G/VF Leave the lobster sanctuary as it is now “the bay,” with the current bag and size limits. Don't extend the sanctuary to the ocean side. 3
568. G/VF Lobster fishing? You can't remove a rock from the National Park, but you can take lobsters, why? 3

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569. G/VF Management of fisheries resources must be significantly improved to address declines of fish populations
570. G/VF More enforcement of existing fish regulations. 3
571. G/VF No recreational harvesting of lobster in corals 3
572. G/VF Oppose more restrictions, oppose “no fishing” zones would support “no take” zone depending on size. (Only what is needed for preservation.) Do not want more restrictions on sport fishing.
573. G/VF Park needs to drastically alter the way it manages fisheries resources.
574. G/VF Park Service Visitor center(s) are crucial to public awareness that, 1st there exists a National Park in Biscayne Bay, and that resource has (x) benefits and restriction (rules). 3
575. G/VF Place restrictions on activities that are shown to be detrimental to the resources, including fishing practices.
576. G/VF Please try to develop more visitor centers in population areas (Miami, Coral Gables, S. Miami, Homestead etc.) 3
577. G/VF Recreational fish should be restricted in primitive areas. 3
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579. G/VF Recreational Harvesting. Should find a way to just allow traps and not allow harvesting lobsters from corals, and if possible limit the number of traps. . (Notes submitted by Lucy Luciano, Rep. For Senator Daryl L. Jones (305) 671-7420, District 40) 3
580. G/VF Shorten lobster season, both recreational and commercial.
581. G/VF Should fishing from the jetties be allowed?
582. G/VF Support fishing restrictions during spawning.
583. G/VF Trap lobstering only. Limit trap numbers/total traps 3
584. G/VF We feel that we are in danger of losing our fishing rights with all the restrictions being imposed. 0640
585. G/VF We should consider that recreational fishermen actually break the fishing rules more than commercial fishermen because commercial fishermen are more concerned about losing their license. For instance, recreational fishermen don’t throw back undersized fish. 3
586. G/VFLF Continue no-take areas for lobster 0059 0086 0099

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587. G/VFLF Control, protect, and preserve fisheries to allow continued fishing.
588. G/VFLF Create no fishing preserves to protect reefs
589. G/VFLF Fish are a resource that gets depleted. 3
590. G/VN All main channels need to be properly marked to help prevent locals from going aground.
591. G/VN Better directional signs to the park are needed 0078
592. G/VN Better navigational markers are needed for the channels. 0018
593. G/VN Better signage on seagrass flats and shallow shoals to keep boats from creating prop scars on the flats 0055
594. G/VN Better signage to prevent groundings. Not only on the water but at the marinas as well. All main channels need to be properly marked to help prevent locals from going aground.
595. G/VN Change wording on “navigational corridors” to “not congregate in waterways” instead of “not allowed in this area”
3
596. G/VN Channel markers needed to preserve flats. 3
597. G/VN Deeper channels should be dredged and marked to protect shallows from prop damage. More navigation aids in Safety Valve will prevent damage to resources. Need more aids to navigation, “sandbar” north Sands Cut in Safety Valve, Lewis Cut. 0076 0145
598. G/VN Designated moorings Provide mooring buoys in areas of the Park that experience high level of anchorage. 3
599. G/VN Do the few boundary markers represent the best way to notify the public they are in the park?
600. G/VN Don’t close navigation corridors. 3
601. G/VN Don’t dredge new channels. 3
602. G/VN Dredge bayside of Caesar Creek. 3
603. G/VN Easier/wider, (not just Homestead) access to park for non-boaters. Offer more regular boat trips using smaller boats.
604. G/VN Entrance to Boca Chita marked with buoys, should be marked with pilings, as buoys are difficult to see. 3
605. G/VN Fill in the trench in the launch area to its natural depth or about 3 feet

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606. G/VN Have more buoyed areas for diving and snorkeling on reef. Make these no fish zones. 3
607. G/VN how do you have a navigational corridor that you're not permitted to stop in? 3
608. G/VN If we have mooring buoys, will anchoring be allowed? Concerned that mooring buoys would not accommodate all visitors. Look at number of highest peak in visitation to determine number of buoys that should be installed. Best area for mooring buoys would be no wake area near Sands Cut. Spread buoys around and throughout park. Sailboats would need to be further. People like to anchor in Billy's Cove.
609. G/VN Improve aids to navigation and channel markers. 3
610. G/VN Improve marked designation of "no anchoring" in the Legare anchorage area
611. G/VN Lewis Cut should be marked with buoys. (Entrance from Bay needs driven in pilings to make them more visible). 3
612. G/VN Lewis needs to be marked for small boats – put buoys instead of markers so large boats know. Replace buoys when they get moved. 3
613. G/VN Maintain channel depth to maintain character of adjacent/surrounding resources, allowing people to experience the passage. 3
614. G/VN Maintain current channel depths so they can be used by large boats. 3
615. G/VN Maintain current depths (especially at Convoy Point).
616. G/VN Maintain navigation corridors in natural state. 3
617. G/VN Maintaining navigational corridors in the Park is not Park service responsibility! 3
618. G/VN Mark shoals better.
619. G/VN Mark that you're going into the Park, by land or by sea. 3
620. G/VN More mooring buoys in the park.
621. G/VN More mooring buoys on the reefs to prevent anchoring on the reefs.
622. G/VN More mooring buoys would protect reef resources. Better channel markers. 0018 0038 0055 0061 0076 0145
623. G/VN More navigation markers. 0014 More navigational aids around shallows 3

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624. G/VN Much better marker around shallow water and shoreline and shoals Don't close areas off – make better signage over shoal areas. 3
625. G/VN Need adequate marking of park boundary on the water.
626. G/VN Need designated anchorages with mooring buoys. Limit damage to coral from anchors
627. G/VN Need more aid to navigation to prevent groundings. Balance this with visual intrusion of aids.
628. G/VN Need more National Park Service (Park) boundary marker. Need signage saying you entering Biscayne National Park 3
629. G/VN Night markers on featherbeds 3
630. G/VN No navigational zones! 3
631. G/VN No signage indicating boaters are entering Biscayne National Park. 3
632. G/VN Only install PVC pipes and stop spending money on buoys. 3
633. G/VN Place better markers at Sands Cut (inside and outside).
634. G/VN Place markers at Midnight Pass. 3
635. G/VN Place mooring buoys to avoid anchor damage.
636. G/VN Put up more buoys to direct people to good snorkeling and diving, for underwater snorkel trails.
637. G/VN Remove confusing markers at Broad Creek. 3
638. G/VN Ring shoals and flats areas that are chronically hit by boats, with PVC pipes because it's more cost effective, and less resistant to impact thus not damaging vessel and seabeds. 3
639. G/VN Should do a survey to find out where park users want to see mooring buoys.
640. G/VN Specify more clearly between navigational corridor and natural channels in text and GMP message! 3
641. G/VN Use markers on natural channels (i.e. safety value). 3
642. G/VR Primitive areas can show the public the benefits of preserving this crucial resource. 3
643. G/VR All water in the park should be accessible for diving, fishing, sailing, power boating, canoes and watercraft of all types. 0018

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644. G/VR Allow landing of float-equipped ultralight aircraft in the park 0106 0143
645. G/VR Area between Sands and Elliott Keys is over-used 0036
646. G/VR Avoid multiple “party boats,” “cattle-type” snorkel/dive boats. 3
647. G/VR Beach scene at Sands Cut on weekends is too crowded and thoughtless 0038
648. G/VR Clean up tone down the inappropriate activities during Columbus Day weekend.
649. G/VR Columbus Day Regatta should co-exist with the park in a more favorable relationship than in recent years.
650. G/VR Consider the needs of party-shoalers before setting navigational corridors. 3
651. G/VR Diver access is important. Maintain at current levels 0060
652. G/VR Don’t increase visitors, only boats have access. 3
653. G/VR Don’t stop overnight camping on Elliott Key. 3
654. G/VR Human powered entrance only, (sail, swim, snorkel, kayak, canoe, float... No Consumptive uses. 3
655. G/VR I would be upset if I were not allowed to continue my present activities 0060
656. G/VR Include criteria for determining the appropriateness of recreational activities.
657. G/VR It’s about the visitor expense to experience the resources untrammelled by humans and human influence. 3
658. G/VR Like to see an area where mixed groups, divers and snorkelers, can both go, i.e. snorkel trail at Bache Shoal and dive area south of Lagare Anchorage in 30 feet of water.
659. G/VR Likes the character of the Park and doesn’t want to see it change 3
660. G/VR Limit spear fishing (with tanks and guns) 0053
661. G/VR No off road vehicles 0042
662. G/VR Really enjoy the natural beauty of the park, especially with regard to how close it is to a large metro area. The unique opportunity to enjoy pristine natural areas so close to major urban centers is desirable. 0004 0005 0020 0058 0062 0087 0126 0130 0134 0135 0149 0150 0152 0153
663. G/VR Recreation should not come at the cost of degrading the resources. Visitor experience is crucial and there are many ways to experience the resources. 3

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664. G/VR Reduce visitor use at Sands Cut
665. G/VR Remote quality of keys should be preserved 0038
666. G/VR Sands Cut use is inappropriate
667. G/VR The Columbus Day Regatta is a unique and special event and should be retained. 0012 0021 0055 0143
668. G/VR The park should be a preserve for people to experience life near the ocean. Snorkeling, sailing, swimming. 0045 0125 0148
669. G/VR There is a regulation that does not allow ultra light aircraft to land in the park. We would like for this to change and be able to land ultra light aircraft in the park.
670. G/VR There is over-crowding in the park, please incorporate demographic projections in formulating alternatives. Too many people are crowding accessible public areas in the park. Too crowded. 0007 0022 01510005 0026 0028 0036 0037 0044 0137 0153
671. G/VR Walkways, quiet places for hiking, biking, fishing, and camping 0126 0147
672. I live from these waters and as I do thousands of others do for about 20 years others from 1963. We have all licenses required. We agree with what you say, but if anyone protect the waters and animals it is us because we live from fishing. And we want to be included in the new projects of the next 15 years in these waters. Because this represents the livelihood of our families. 3 Jose E. Ruiz (305) 238-9738, 14301 SW 159 Terra, Miami, FL 33177
673. M Enforce recreational fishing regulations 0089
674. M GMP should be science-based
675. M If Stiltsville buildings are open to public access, will they be made accessible to those with disabilities? Do they need to be?
676. M Implementation schedule should have specific start and end dates, prioritize important projects, specify funding amounts and likely sources, provide for contingency funding, designate areas of responsibility, provide for accountability, include peer review.
677. M Native environment (birds, fish, clean water) need to be protected. 0026

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678. M Should cite and explain all relevant NPS mandates
679. O Adequate signs saying “This is a National Park,” especially on the water.
680. O Adopt State of Florida’s three-mile limit restrictions on net fishing, long line and fish traps. Hook and line only inside of these limits.
681. O All children in the school system from Orlando south should be educated beginning in elementary school with a hands on approach for environmental education to educate the children to be stewards. 0008
682. O Better education strategy is needed.
683. O Better education tactics, use media and celebrities to convey importance of boater safety and protection of natural resource issues
684. O Bicycle rental concession should be considered. 0078
685. O Bicycling trails on Elliott Key
686. O Bilingualize” every sign and marker (Spanish, Creole). 3
687. O Black heritage stories and park
688. O Boaters unaware of potential habitat damage from abuse.
689. O Cooperate with state of Florida and Miami-Dade to start visitor tours of Biscayne for ecological education.
690. O Create a planned grid for Elliot Key campground using native vegetation to outline sites, too much like camping on a lawn.
691. O Create and exhibit/mock-up of Tequesta campsite or village and interpret and give talks to visitors
692. O Create opportunities to involve minority communities
693. O Create recreational area for Elliott as it was in the past (for children). Also, any programs that would keep people entertained. 3
694. O Decision needs to be made regarding location of park’s education program. Is it Elliott or Adams?
695. O Deeply concerned about establishment of formal partnerships which can often lead to misunderstandings or attempts by outside interests to circumvent or prevent necessary management actions.

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- 696. O Desire to diversity local visitor base
- 697. O Do more technical or educational projects other than picking up trash.
- 698. O Do not deny access to the park during hurricane warnings 0069 0081
- 699. O Educate how minor environmental problems become large economic problems. Everything is related and whether positive or negative impacts it effects everyone. (i.e. water quality + pollution)
- 700. O Educate visitors on safe boating practices, mandating guidelines to avoid physical impacts
- 701. O Encourage scientific research in the park.
- 702. O Encourage scientific research in the park.
- 703. O Environmental education opportunities in Biscayne Bay should be enhanced to expose the public to the significance and value of the marine ecosystem and how a healthy ecosystem contributes to the survival of the planet.
- 704. O Every aspect of the park, especially its historical, cultural and environmental treasures should be used in teaching lessons about human impact on the environment.
- 705. O Facilitate ongoing communication with community (through publicity/education) so that specific issues are more easily grasped in an appropriate context. More focus on the “big picture
- 706. O Fin fish populations on the decline. Possible causes include human population growth (increased take of fish, pollution, illegal harvest, etc.) Solution is partially an education issue. Hook and release undersized fish. Focus on education of children
- 707. O For park interpretation, tell stories about the commercial fishermen – the hard work and the lifestyle.
- 708. O For park interpretation, tell stories about the commercial fishermen – the hard work and the lifestyle
- 709. O Give the children the opportunity to experience recreational and educational opportunities, like fishing, in the parks.
- 710. O Give visitors access to park housing units on Adam’s and Elliot Key for overnight rental
- 711. O Grouper complex most severely over fished.
- 712. O Have a park mobile to go to schools, community centers, senior centers and assisted living centers. Have a van to go to special events.

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- 713. O I value potential for visitors to learn about contributions of African Americans to the park
- 714. O I would like the park to lead in alternative and environmentally sustainable actions: recycling, solar panels, water management 0101
- 715. O Implement sea-grass restoration.
- 716. O Improve data flow to increase resource awareness outside the RM Division
- 717. O Improve Elliott Key recreational facilities and landscaping, (Hot water showers at Elliott Key). 0018 0037
- 718. O Improve law enforcement in the park by hiring off duty police officers. They have their own equipment, etc. this would be more economical for the park and help increase resource protection. Already have marine patrol. Should hire off-duty guys, already have the boats, hire the city or county.
- 719. O Improve outreach and cooperation (cooperative) interpretation with local governments
- 720. O Improve outreach programs in the Miami area
- 721. O Improved camping facilities on Boca Chita, such as showers. 0015
- 722. O Improved educational outreach for recreational boaters
- 723. O Include microbiology and microorganisms ecosystem restoration. Include as a component of the ecosystem, which changes first and represents a good indicator community.
- 724. O Increase advertising/publicity to increase awareness of park's existence (full-time staff for publicity)
- 725. O Increase hours for visitor center 0069 0081
- 726. O Increase Park presence with ? Increase public education. 3
- 727. O Increase publicity about diving and diving opportunities.
- 728. O Increased incorporation of South Florida ecosystem issues in South Florida school curricula to improve "big picture" view of area.
- 729. O Information about the troop that left Elliott key to fight in the Bay-of-Pigs 3
- 730. O Install mooring whips at Adam's Key dock for public use.
- 731. O Instead of eliminating spear fishing, limit gear type. (i.e. "pole spears" only)

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732. O Instead of putting money into programs to attract more people, instead give them what they want by staying open longer.
733. O Institute canoe/kayak ranger guided programs to educate youth and therefore, stewards for the future.
734. O Institute concession operated night dives
735. O Interpretation – Display of something about: i.e. Jones family and how they played a role in the park; information about the troop that left Elliott key to fight in the Bay-of-Pigs; more history on people who made the diversity a part of the park. 3
736. O Jones family and how they played a role in the park. 3
737. O Look at partnerships with county, local, and state parks. Look for cross stories and missions.
738. O Make everything trilingual: English, Creole and Spanish. 3
739. O Make Park known by the general public (increased outreach). 3
740. O Miccosukee could be involved in helping children learn about vegetation and wildlife in the parks, in addition to cultural resources.
741. O Miccosukee could be involved with helping children learn about vegetation and wildlife in the parks, in addition to their cultural perceptions of natural and cultural resources. Aim for partnerships between the South Florida parks, area school systems, and the Indians, the Miccosukee and the Seminole.
742. O More advertising and Visibility of this benefit will help promote awareness and provide constant source of education about this park. Primitive areas can show the public the benefits of preserving this crucial resource. Please try to develop more visitor centers in population areas (Miami, Coral Gables, S. Miami, Homestead etc.) 3
743. O More attention toward Middle-school education.
744. O More boater education.
745. O More education regarding submerged cultural resources.
746. O More hands on education opportunities and tours of islands reefs, seagrass beds etc.
747. O More outreach to multi-language local community.

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- 748. O More publicity/focus on northern end of park to improve/increase support for park.
- 749. O Need adequate marking of park boundary on the water.
- 750. O Need broad-based communications effort throughout all four counties Keys to Palm Beach. Goal is to develop a common fact-based understanding throughout the community of land and water use realities and priorities. This common understanding provides a basis for public policy discussion.
- 751. O Need greater and more effective enforcement and should be bilingual 3
- 752. O Need interpretive materials available on the islands
- 753. O Often see illegal fish take and would like to see more enforcement of recreational fishing regulations 0054 0061 0062 0073 0076 0130 0136 0076 0117
- 754. O Opportunities for more hands-on education need to be increased. There should be more interpretation in the park. More educational opportunities for visitors.
- 755. O Outreach programs reach all major sectors of South Florida
- 756. O Over heard people talking about lack of eating facilities in the park.
- 757. O Park charges too much for boaters and patrons 0132
- 758. O Park needs Interpretive mobile units that can visit different non-traditional communities including migrant labor camps, subsidized housing, Haitian community, Liberty City, etc. This “traveling park” can bring props, activities, and information on Biscayne National Park.
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- 760. O Park Visitors and neighboring communities are aware of Biscayne National Park’s uniqueness within the context of the South Florida ecosystem
- 761. O Population bases surrounding the park are aware of the significant resources at their doorstep
- 762. O Possession limits of fish species regardless of location.

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- 763. O Potential for climate change impact research
- 764. O Promote more opportunities and options to get people to Elliot Key for day use and educational trips.
- 765. O Promote use of underwater trails on shipwrecks, archeological sites and reefs for public interpretation.
- 766. O Provide education and training so that knowledgeable and well informed staff is contacting the public.
- 767. O Public knowledge about BISC needs to be developed and widely distributed.
- 768. O Reopen lighthouse at Boca Chita Key.
- 769. O Should be more emphasis on maritime history, law, and why and how it connects to park purpose
- 770. O Should have some tours and educators that could teach visitors about the wildlife and plants, and the effects of boating and fishing in order to give some a conscience with regards to protecting the Park when not supervised. 3
- 771. O Should test Biscayne Bay, water and sediment, for pollutants from Florida Light and Power.
- 772. O Tell story of Cuban and American history in the park.
- 773. O The education or awareness of the importance of the ecosystem of the bay will help with development decisions on land. i.e. water, pollution, dredge fill issues. 9/20/01
- 774. O The National Park Service states repeatedly at upper management levels that education is a priority. Ensure that funds are appropriated to ensure that this happens
- 775. O The park should be an outdoor classroom for the students in Miami-Dade and surrounding counties.
- 776. O The seeming park policy to destroy or relocate “problem animals” is disturbing 0116
- 777. O Use green technology for park operations.
- 778. O Visited visitor center impressed with exhibits. Would like to see more exhibits on human behavior and cultural resources and history.
- 779. O Would like to put together a group of people who would coordinate and put together a program to do outreach work to educate school children on global warming, what makes the Bay healthy, etc. Educate visitors on ways to visit park in a resource friendly way Increase awareness of park’s existence through community outreach. Re-institute educational facilities on the Keys for school children and camping field trips.

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780. Z (Overlays) There is no distinction between taking fish for commercial sale and guide fishing. 3
781. Z Address efforts by Florida Power and Light Company (FPL) to extend operating license for Turkey Point
782. Z Address personal work issues and needs of employees. Happy employees equal smoother operations and good ideas.
Morale is low at the park
783. Z Allow non-profit groups discounted or fee free camping.
784. Z An inventory of all species in the park is needed
785. Z Any regulation that requires a license is worthless without arresting authority.
786. Z Are the tall metal handicap parking signs at Convoy Point necessary? Smaller signs would improve access and limit potential damage to windsurfer sails.
787. Z Artesian well west of Featherbeds and south of Black Point where everything around it is dead
788. Z Birney Layson 305-247-2598 to work with Richard Alger if Alger farms to use land and work as a good neighbor.
789. Z Biscayne National Park contact for violations visitors/fishermen see while in the Park 3
790. Z Biscayne Wingate Shrimpers of Florida prides itself on clean fishing methods and responsible garbage pickup 0640
791. Z Buy out “Big Sugar” and EAA and reconnect Lake Okeechobee to the Everglades.
792. Z Canoe racks have very sharp edges. Smooth or cap for safety. 0069
793. Z Communication – logo creation
794. Z Concentrate on what park can do well. Don’t do all things. 3
795. Z Concerns about money to maintain and improve Stiltsville buildings. Maintenance could be achieved through volunteer efforts of groups such as Miami Springs PowerBoat Club. With MSPBC, the area is public access already.
796. Z Concessionaire is not training employees effectively 0147
797. Z Confiscate boats of law breakers 3
798. Z Control permits for new homes in low areas so that water does not need to be pumped out for flood protection. 3
799. Z Crocodile habitat 3
800. Z Develop a strategy for monitoring of the park’s ecosystem 0095

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801. Z Develop menu using local produce, wild oranges shakes, etc.
802. Z Do away with Islandia! Work with county to dissolve Islandia.
803. Z Do not build anymore dumps.
804. Z Dumping of oils and toxic substances into the Miami River by commercial shipping
805. Z Ecological concerns have not been given enough importance in the ER and LERP. Where is the money going to come from.
806. Z Educate staff before they enforce laws 0052
807. Z Encourage Homestead to keep its unique Florida pioneer character
808. Z Enjoy the video of Hurricane Andrew 0035
809. Z Enjoy visiting the new interpretive center. 0006
810. Z Ensure that Biscayne National Park depth numbers are in fact MLLW. 3
811. Z Evaluate Homestead Base reuse plans for impacts to the park.
812. Z Facilitate ongoing communication with community (through publicity/education) so that specific issues are more easily grasped in an appropriate context. More focus on the “big picture”
813. Z Fire the Army Corp of Engineers.
814. Z Fishermen should assist National Park Service in providing information (catch data) and reporting illegal violators. 3
815. Z Fishery has declined over the last fifty years as a result of increases in human population.
816. Z Flat maps for sale and in every marina. 3
817. Z Get off your butts and repair the stairs at Boca Chita Lighthouse. It now been several years with no progress. What are you using the funds collected at Boca Chita for? Shouldn’t you use it to fix the lighthouse?
818. Z Get rid of the freighters from Miami River.
819. Z Give more consideration to the placement of permanent boardwalks to areas susceptible to minor storm damage. 0008
820. Z Glass bottom tour boat operator was not very friendly 0114
821. Z GMP literature (comment form page) the map is incorrectly marked...Biscayne Channel is not that far south. 3

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822. Z Go to community newspapers and community programs to ensure wide distribution of information. Use this mechanism to distribute information and information to volunteers.
823. Z Hold public workshops about what can/can't be done. 3
824. Z Homestead ARB – continue to stay at table to ensure development is compatible to park resource protection.3
825. Z Identification of fish on metal sculpture at visitor center would be helpful 0044
826. Z Identify approaches for gaining input from the community and fishing industry about fisheries management (identify models such as Dry Tortugas GMP Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary)
827. Z Identify gaps in knowledge that are hampering the park's ability to protect its resources
828. Z Include a process to determine if commercial fishing is an appropriate use.
829. Z Increase punishments for relation violations. The Park is managed according to regulations, so they should be effective. 3
830. Z Inner city children do not have jobs and would love to work; do community service in the park, but do not have transportation. Schools should be able to work with the parks, also police department (wouldn't have as much enforcement). Builds kids confidence, work skills, and appreciation for environment.
831. Z Is the park going to keep one structure in Stiltsville to show park presence?
832. Z It's more polluted that it used to be marine ecosystem is unhealthy, there are more diseased fish 0044 0049
833. Z Keep private people from robbing traps. 3
834. Z Keep the park's resources from going downhill. Happy with resource management at the park.
835. Z Key species need to be identified and preserved 0035 0128
836. Z Keys Gate Do not re-license Turkey Point.
837. Z Language should be based on demographics (very important). 3
838. Z Like Friend of the Symphony, encourage people in the federal lands to form a group like "Friends of the Park" as a fund raising arm. These may not work to go all the way to Miami and would like the socialization of working with the park.
839. Z Local public awareness of BISC existence and purpose

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- 840. Z Look for creative partnership to recycle especially for construction materials.
- 841. Z Make public meetings “testimony” style & more notice. 3
- 842. Z Many taxpayers mistrust park management 0134
- 843. Z Master plan verbage very difficult to understand. 3
- 844. Z Miami Springs PowerBoat Club was required to take down channel markers in Stiltsville, and now more boats are running aground.
- 845. Z Miami-Dade bond money should go to land acquisition of buffer lands not baseball stadium
- 846. Z Mobile education trailer or be? to talk to ? events. 3
- 847. Z Mobilize park visitors for boaters to participate in clean-up days for underwater debris.
- 848. Z Monitor use of high tech equipment at shipwreck sites. 3
- 849. Z Monitoring, where, when, and how much
- 850. Z More boater education. 3
- 851. Z Mosquitoes at Elliott Key are a nuisance. Too many mosquitoes at Boca Chita. 0010 0022
- 852. Z Move coastal wetland project up in the restoration schedule.
- 853. Z Need better notification to Miami commercial fishermen 3
- 854. Z Need more cleanups. 3
- 855. Z Need more outlets to process recycling into consumer useable materials. Need more recycling in Miami.
- 856. Z Need more pollution abatement.
- 857. Z Need to get involvement of boy scouts, girl scouts and other youth organizations in Biscayne National Park and in restoration.
- 858. Z No “zoos” in the water 0140
- 859. Z No drilling for oil or natural gas offshore of Florida or parklands. (1)
- 860. Z No petroleum development in the park 0038
- 861. Z NPS should build structures like Stiltsville in areas that are mud flats for interpretive programs. Great for education.

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862. Z Park cares more about resources than county, county is interested in Law Enforcement. 3
863. Z Park Mandates: Lighthouses at Fowey and Pacific Reef
864. Z Park Mandates: Outstanding Florida Waters (OFW)
865. Z Park needs to get involved in Dade County planning and zoning
866. Z Park Rangers have a greater deal of respect for visitor than county officers. 3
867. Z Park should research diseases threatening coral reef flora and fauna 0044
868. Z Park should study potential impacts of sea level rise expected by 2050
869. Z Public marinas need to improve trash collection.
870. Z Publicly beneficial regulatory workshops. 3
871. Z Raise shrimp inland (aquaculture). 3
872. Z Reach out to local communities, look beyond your boundaries.
873. Z Recycle trash to minimize the need for South Dade Landfill.
874. Z Remove the wreck of the Fowey and put it on display at park headquarters
875. Z Remove two young trees closest to the launch site and the handicap parking signs because they restrict movement near the launch area 0069 0081
876. Z Repair boardwalk on Elliot Key, oceanside. 0010
877. Z Repair the window screens on the comfort stations at Boca Chita. 0022
878. Z Reserve Area – What is the present use of these areas? 3
879. Z Restore the Miami River to its historical ecological condition for all to enjoy.
880. Z Rob Killgore (305) 361-6377, 370 Harbor Ct., Key Biscayne, FL 33149
881. Z Schedule annual waterway “clean-up” days 0096
882. Z Schedule separate meeting for commercial fishing.
883. Z Sea grass die-offs being seen (by Ballyhoo Community Fishermen) near Turtle Reef, inside the elbow. 3

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884. Z Second round of GMP literature was too difficult to read and understand as though the Park was trying to hide it's true intent. Size of document and amount of material involved that it is discouraging to even try to read and understand. 3
885. Z Sedimentation – (increased after hurricane Andrew) affecting reef. 3
886. Z Sedimentation after Hurricane Andrew is still affecting reef. 3
887. Z See sponging in and around Arsenicker four weeks ago.
888. Z Senior citizens who can afford it should pay more.
889. Z Should enforce conservation, cleanness. 3
890. Z Some type of mandatory number of training hours should be required before anyone can operate a boat.3
891. Z Speakers board, need more public education; i.e. speaking to local civic groups (i.e. Kiwanis) just to let people know the Park is there. 3
892. Z Special Mandates: Executive Order Coral Reefs
893. Z Special Mandates: Executive Order Submerged Cultural Resources
894. Z Special Mandates: Executive Order: Exotic Plants
895. Z Special Mandates: Executive Order: Marine Protected Areas, Outershelf
896. Z Special Mandates: RAMSAR Convention International Wetlands of Significance
897. Z Start a program for Wal-Mart to sell “stuffed coral”, for example, with proceeds to benefit Biscayne National Park.
898. Z State of lobster fishery has improved. 3
899. Z Stop pollution and trash. 3
900. Z Take “development” aerial photos to educational and public meetings. Goal is to develop a common fact-based understanding throughout the community of land and water use realities and priorities. This common understanding provides a basis for public policy discussion.
901. Z Take “development” aerial photos to educational and public meetings
902. Z Teacher Education Center: Teachers need Master Plan points, come to the park for class to get points.
903. Z Thank you for public involvement. 3

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904. Z The park is well taken care of.
905. Z There is a lot of litter in the water and on the land areas of the park.
906. Z Things that affect the environment start on a much smaller level than is visible. These microscopic organisms should be interpreted in visitor centers and other programs. Leaching of chemicals from land causes changes in microscopic organisms, bottom of the food chain.
907. Z This is best year for fishing in a long time. 3
908. Z Too much litter 0038
909. Z Two small trees planted in grassy area near canoe racks at Convoy Point could easily be moved, (before they get too large) to improve access to rigging for windsurfers.
910. Z Use elevation markers. 3
911. Z Use re-use for drinking water and new golf courses.
912. Z Used to see conch near Fisher Island but don't anymore.
913. Z Using barges to remove the houses (Stiltsville) may cause more damage to the Bay.
914. Z Utilize some of agricultural land after crops are already destroyed.
915. Z Value natural beauty, picturesque views and the great source of job opportunities 0640
916. Z Very concerned with conservation, special place, dives on reefs.
917. Z When were channels last dredged 3
918. Z Why not use dredge spoil to create nesting/roosting islands for shorebirds (Least Terns etc.) or recreational picnic areas, possibly outside park 3
919. Z Work with federal and local governmental agencies to plan for non-aviation use at Homestead Air Force Base. 0006 0099
920. Z Work with local communities to develop Homestead Air Force Base into an aquatic theme park to reduce stress on the resources of the park 0111

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921. Z Work with local community and Dade County to ensure that Homestead Air Reserve Base use is compatible with park resources 0086 0087
922. Z Youth educational facility for children at risk is desirable (Youth Fishing Foundation)

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